

individual. Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to meet with about 90 students from St. Angela School. On June 2, many of these same students along with their teachers and families will be holding a special mass and liturgy for Father Browne. I was pleased to meet the students and their chaperones and am grateful that I was asked by them to officially recognize Father Browne on his anniversary. It is always privilege to pay tribute to someone who is so well respected by members of the community.

As a former seminarian, I feel a certain affinity with Father Browne. Although our paths have differed, I am pleased that Father Browne and I are able to share a constituency. I commend him for his work and faith and wish him continued success in his role as a religious leader.

I ask my colleagues to please join me in offering heartfelt congratulations to Father George Browne on this momentous milestone.

12TH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1995

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 12th annual observance of National Missing Children's Day and to recognize Child Quest International, Inc., a San Jose based nonprofit organization, for all of their tireless efforts on behalf of missing children. As of this year, Child Quest International has assisted in the recovery of 1,016 missing children.

More than 1,000,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year and between 20,000 and 50,000 of those remain missing for more than 1 year. Child Quest International was founded in 1990 and formed to protect and recover missing, abused, and exploited children. Child Quest International works to successfully reunite missing children with their families and to provide support and referral services to children who have been abused and exploited.

Child Quest International assists families 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through a nationwide toll-free number. Its caseworkers all have criminal justice backgrounds with the expertise to investigate cases and provide technical assistance and counseling to families. They have a worldwide photo distribution network over which they can distribute posters and flyers. They are able to do mass and direct mailings and utilize mass media such as television, radio, newspapers, billboards, and bus signs. Child Quest International differs from other nonprofit organizations, in that it also utilizes new technologies such as computer information networks and computer digitized photographs.

Child Quest International also provides support and referral services for families worldwide in the following areas: abused and exploited children, Grandparents' rights, and missing adults. They provide mediation services for parents and children and referrals for counseling and therapy. Child Quest International is also very active in education and prevention through TV and radio programs, public service announcements, presentations

at schools, service clubs, and community events, and such services as the S.T.O.P. kidnapping program.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Child Quest International for its dedication to the protection and recovery of missing, abused, and exploited children on this 12th annual observance of National Missing Children's Day.

IN HONOR OF SISTER M. HELEN RITA FOR HER 65 YEARS AS SIS- TER OF ST. JOSEPH

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister M. Helen Rita, S.S.J., for her 65 years of dedication to God and the community. A 12 noon mass will be held in her honor at St. Andrew's Church on June 4, 1995 with a reception to follow afterward.

Sister M. Helen Rita, a native of Pennsylvania, entered the Sisters of St. Joseph at Chestnut Hill on Sept. 10, 1930. She has been a teacher at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA and Newark. She was also a teacher at the Diocese of Charlotte in North Carolina.

Sister Rita has been a teacher at the St. Andrew School for 29 years. She is a wonderful person who has shared her knowledge and love with those around her. Her dedication to the children is second to none. She has shown the children love, compassion, and understanding.

Sister Rita is a loving and caring person and I am proud to have her as one of my constituents. She has worked hard to mold and shape the young minds of our children. Her tireless efforts and support is very much appreciated.

Please join me in honoring such a great person. Sister M. Helen Rita has been an inspiration to us all. Her dedication and love will never be forgotten. May God bless her and may her wisdom and love be an inspiration to us all.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT B. LEWIS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1995

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize an outstanding teacher, coach, and principal as he retires from the Morley Stanwood school system. On June 5, 1995, Robert B. Lewis will retire from 30 years of service in Michigan junior and senior high schools.

Bob taught classes in industrial arts throughout his teaching career, and students in his classes found they were learning from a truly gifted instructor. Their work was described by other industrial arts instructors as unbelievable. Under his tutelage, students earned award after award at both local and State level competitions constructing canoes, model ships, carvings, and furniture.

But Bob's commitment to Michigan's youth did not end with the end of the schoolday. After the last class bell rang, he spent his time as a coach of both football and basketball

teams. Throughout his career he coached team after team to victory. In Ellsworth, MI, his basketball team finished their 1966 season with 16 wins, 3 losses, and a league championship.

But Bob's capabilities reached far beyond both teaching and coaching, to administration. In 1992, Bob became the principal of Pickford Junior-Senior High School, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and here he once again demonstrated his enormous capacity for leadership. During his tenure on the other side of the desk, Bob earned a reputation as an exceptionally fair and clear-minded administrator. Teachers and students alike appreciated and admired his firm but fair approach to discipline as well as his unfailingly caring and generous nature toward his students and colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, Robert Lewis's love for and dedication to Michigan's youth is clear. He has consistently gone beyond what was expected or required to achieve excellence not only in teaching, but also in coaching and in administration. His reputation as a kind, honest, and hard-working public servant will reverberate through the halls of Michigan schools for many years to come. I know you will join me in recognizing his achievements and wishing him a satisfying retirement.

TRIBUTE TO MARLENE HOWARD, BIG SISTER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 25, 1995

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, in a few days, we will be honoring Marlene Howard on the occasion of her retirement from Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Monmouth County.

Many of my colleagues in the House of Representatives met Marlene during her days in Washington as the right hand to her husband, Jim Howard, former chairman of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. She is affectionately and respectfully remembered by many in Washington, DC, as a driving force behind many initiatives that resulted in saving thousands of lives and improving the condition of millions of other lives.

Day after day, week after week, Marlene provided the gentle but persistent encouragement that helped Jim Howard gain enactment of anti-drunk-driving legislation, reduction in the speed limit, and other important highway safety measures. As a leader in the Congressional Wives Club, Marlene made sure the other congressional wives lobbied their husbands to vote for these life-saving bills.

She fought for other important causes, including increased funding for mental health programs, human rights and quality television programming for children. Without Marlene's initial and ongoing support, we would not have a flourishing congressional award for young people in New Jersey and elsewhere around the country.

Marlene's involvement in helping at-risk teenagers and children extends back to her days in Washington when she was on the advisory board of the Washington Metropolitan Area Big Sisters. She received the Special Recognition Award in 1982 for her outstanding service as a caseworker and as the most active volunteer on the advisory board. In November a year earlier, she was honored as